

**Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) delivered the following remarks in a speech on the House floor in support of Israel’s right to defend itself. Herger rebuked the international condemnation of Israel’s actions regarding the flotilla incident. You can view video of the speech [here](#) .**

“Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm Israel’s right to self defense and to express my outrage over the kneejerk international condemnation of our strong ally following the recent flotilla incident.

“The video is clear. The activists ignored warnings from Israeli forces to turn away from Gaza, and disregarded invitations to offload their supplies elsewhere. Worst of all, they placed Israeli forces in grave danger by brutally attacking them.

“Many countries immediately condemned Israel. Their reaction sharply contrasts with their failure to denounce the hostile behavior of Iran and North Korea. I applaud the Obama Administration for avoiding this double standard. The United States must always stand against the unfair treatment of an important ally.”